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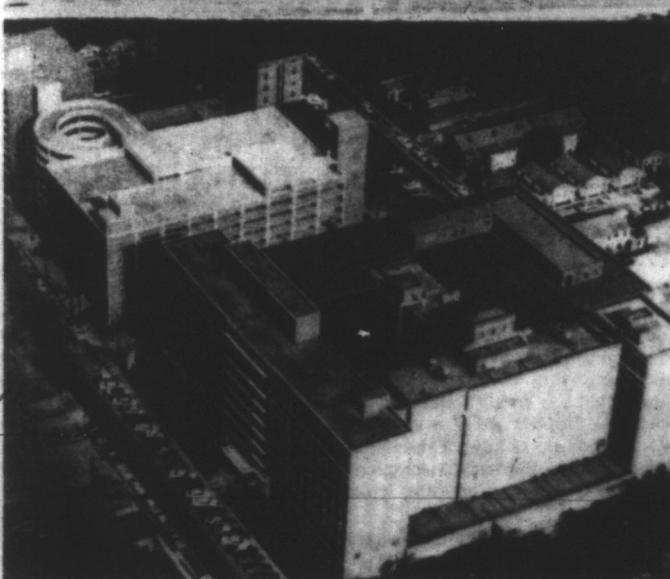
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Southern Baptist Hospital Observes 50th Anniversary

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Southern Baptist Hospital, the first hospital established by the Southern Baptist Convention, celebrated its 50th anniversary here, March 8, 1976.

Although the SBC released the hospital from its control in 1971, it "has continued to operate within the original Christian philosophy of its founders," a spokesman said.

In 1926, the main building, consisting of a basement and eight

stories, had a capacity of 248 beds with 36 bassinets in the nursery. Land, buildings, equipment and furnishings represented an investment of about \$1,250,000. This is shown in the upper photo.

Today, the teaching hospital employs 1,811 persons in a 670 bed facility valued at about \$30,000,000. It serves more than 60,000 patients annually and has 400 physicians on its medical staff. The present facility is shown in the lower photo.

Rooms For Norfolk SBC Going "At Rapid Pace"

NORFOLK (BP)—The housing bureau for the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting here in June said room reservations are being made at a rapid pace," according to Paul Mims, Norfolk pastor and member of the SBC local arrangements committee.

"Of the 6,373 rooms available," Mims said, "5,628 have already been booked," as of March 2, although housing bureau spokesman said they are continuing efforts to increase the total number of rooms.

Those who have made reservations are advised to send payment of one night's lodging to the hotel from which they have received a confirmation," Mims said. "The reason for this is that this is a resort area and the rooms will be at a premium in the summer."

He said bus transportation "will be provided at a nominal cost from all of the hotels each hour to the Norfolk Scope Convention Center. The travel time from Virginia Beach to downtown Norfolk is approximately 30 minutes."

Besides hotels, Mims said 22 condominium apartments, with one to three rooms are available

at a price of \$35 to \$60 per night, with a minimum of five nights.

He said several ocean front houses, with two to six bedrooms, are available and rent from \$200 to \$625 per week and that several campgrounds are available for

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Nursery Facilities Scheduled For Norfolk SBC

NORFOLK (BP)—Care for pre-school children from outside the Tidewater area will be provided during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14-17, at the Talbot Park Baptist Church, 6919 Granby St., Norfolk.

The facilities will be open 45 minutes prior to each session until 45 minutes after each session concludes.

Maps showing the church's location will be furnished at the information and registration desks.

The fee will be \$2 per session

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Foreign Board Appoints 7; Allots \$320,000 For Relief

RICHMOND (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed seven missionaries in its March meeting here and responded again to relief needs around the world with appropriations totaling \$320,000.

Of the relief funds, \$297,000 will go to Guatemala for reconstruction efforts following February's earthquake; \$10,000 will be used in Christian social ministries for the people of Honduras; \$10,000 for special projects in refugee work in Thailand; and \$3,000 to meet various human needs in Hong Kong.

The board also heard a report from its executive secretary, Bak-

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25 Speakers Scheduled For Bicentennial Conference

The president of the Southern Baptist Convention and three former presidents of the convention, three seminary professors and a former seminary professor, the recently retired president of the Sunday School Board, and the executive secretary emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be among 25 program personalities March 29-30 for the Mississippi Bicentennial Bible Conference.

The conference will be held at

First Baptist Church of Jackson. Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, the executive secretary emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is also a former first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention; former pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson; former president of the Foreign Mission Board elected board; and former chairman of the SBC Executive Committee.

These men will join 13 Mississippian pastors, two college profes-

sors, the editor of the Baptist Record, and a former employee of the Sunday School Board in directing Bible conferences during the course of the over-all conference.

Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and director of the Bible conference, said word from over the state indicates a great deal of interest in the conference, and a high attendance is

expected.

The conference will be sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Fifteen of the Mississippian speakers will direct Bible conferences. They will be joined by Dr. Donald F. Ackland of Nashville, the former employee of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Ackland will direct a conference on the book of Amos and also speak at a general session on "What the Bible Says about Devils and Demons."

The Mississippian and the conferences they will direct are as follows: Rev. Hardy R. Denham Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton; Jonah; Dr. Joe Tuton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson; Isaiah; Dr. Bob Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, Galatians; Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor of First Baptist Church, Picayune, II Corinthians; Dr. Charles Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson; I John; Rev. Barry Landrum, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, Hebrews; Rev. Jim Keith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Laurel, I Peter; Dr. William W. Stevens, Mississippi College faculty, Romans; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor of Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church, Pascagoula, James; Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, II Timothy; Dr. Brooks H. Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

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Druin Named
Baptist Standard
Associate Editor

DALLAS (BP)—Toby A. Druin, editor of the news service at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta since December, 1973, will join the staff of the Baptist Standard here April 15 as associate editor.

Druin, 42, will be returning to his native state, where he spent 10 years in reporting and editing for newspapers and in news writing for Baylor University, Waco, Tex., his alma mater.

Before joining the Home Mission Board

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SBC WMU Sessions Will Mark Bicentennial

NORFOLK (BP)—The national meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will investigate the missions implications of the nation's Bicentennial at a two-day gathering at Scope Convention Center here, June 13-14.

The meeting, which precedes the

Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, June 15-17 in the Scope Convention Center, will call participants to thanksgiving for their heritage and commitment to building a strong missions base in the American family, church and society. The meeting's theme is "Stand Up and Bless the Lord."

Kaleidoscope '76 Set For Baptist Young Women

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (BP)—The first national gathering of Baptist Young Women (BYW), which meets at the Virginia Beach Convention Center here, June 11-12, will offer a kaleidoscopic view of options for young women to be involved in missions.

The meeting, called Kaleidoscope '76, will actually continue through June 14, merging with the national annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), which meets June 13-14 in the Scope Convention Center, Norfolk. Byw's will be transported by bus to the WMU sessions.

Both meetings precede the annual sessions of the SBC, June 15-17, in the Scope Convention Center.

WMU is sponsoring Kaleidoscope for Baptist Young Women, ages 18-29, to appeal to college students, young career women and those who combine these roles, accord-

Dallas Baptist College Gets \$1.5 Million

DALLAS (BP)—Dallas Baptist College here, which has encountered financial difficulties over the past several years, has become \$1.5 million richer following successful completion of a matching fund drive.

The funds in cash and endowment will be used to retire two debts, which the college has been

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Bible Societies Publish New Chinese Version

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 — The American Bible Society has announced the publication by the United Bible Societies of a new translation of the New Testament in contemporary Mandarin Chinese. It has been named the Today's Chinese Version.

The new translation has been designed primarily for evangelism among non-Christian youth, ages 18-25. It avoids as much as possible using a technical and ecclesiastical vocabulary comprehensible only to Christians and the theologically educated. Instead, Today's Chinese Version tries to express accurately the meaning of the original Greek in everyday Mandarin Chinese, understandable to Chinese-speaking people throughout the world.

Emphasis has also been placed upon a fluent oral style, since more people will hear the translation read aloud than will read it for themselves. It is already being broadcast by radio to Chinese communities throughout Asia, including mainland China. The new translation can be quickly transposed into the new simplified script used on the mainland, should opportunities for distribution there suddenly open up.

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Louisiana College Given Second

\$250,000 Gift

PINEVILLE, La. (BP)—A second quarter million dollar gift in as many weeks has been given to Louisiana College by the children of a Louisiana couple to bring their total memorial gift to \$200,000, the largest single contribution the Baptist college has received in its 70 year history.

Robert L. Lynn, Louisiana Col-

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Front cover of the New Testament in Today's Chinese Version, recently published by the United Bible Societies. The Chinese word for gospel means literally "Blessed News," which gave rise to the cover design which features 100 calligraphic variations of the Chinese character which means "blessing." Today's Chinese Version is a translation of the New Testament into everyday Mandarin Chinese comprehensible to Chinese-speaking people throughout the world. It is the first new Chinese translation published by the Bible Societies since 1919, when they released the Union Version.

ABC PHOTO

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Joshua; Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, Revelation; Dr. Don Stewart, William Carey College faculty, Ruth; Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, John; and Dr. P. A. Michel, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Philippians.

There will be five Bible conferences directed by the three seminary professors; Dr. Hudgins; and Dr. James L. Sullivan, the recently retired president of the Sunday School Board. These will be as follows:

Dr. Scott Tatum, Southwestern, The Priesthood of All Believers; Dr. Hudgins, The Atonement; Dr. J. Terry Young, New Orleans, Sanctification; Dr. Sullivan, Perseverance; and Dr. Ray Robbins, New Orleans, Justification.

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In addition to Dr. Ackland there will be five other general conference addresses by the SBC president, the former presidents, and the former seminary professor. These will all speak under the general theme, "What the Bible Says About . . ." as follows:

Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., "People"; Dr. H. Franklin Paschal, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, "Speaking in Tongues."

The conference begins at 2 p.m. on Monday and continues through Tuesday evening. The conferences on books of the Bible will be held in two sessions. The doctrinal conferences will all be one session each.

Baptist Church, Nashville, "Angels"; Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, "A Christian Citizen in a Secular World"; Dr. Jerry Weber, the current SBC president, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, "The Resurrection"; and Dr. William Hull, the former seminary professor, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Shreveport, "Speaking in Tongues."

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Rev. Carlie Hill, the bus director at Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson, is chairman of the bus committee for the conference. He has arranged special parking for buses that will be bringing loads of people to the conference. He has indicated that buses will be parked on an area located at the intersection of High and State streets, the corner of the church property. All buses will be requested to enter the area from High Street only. Attendants will be on hand to direct the parking.

A reserved section for the deaf has been arranged. Rev. Cummings has indicated. This will be in the front of the auditorium on the side of the organ. Signing for the deaf for the general sessions will begin at 8 p.m.

Tom Larrimore, Jackson, a music evangelist, will be in charge of the music. Mrs. Clyde Bryan of Jackson will be the organist, and Ben Scarborough of Oxford will be the pianist.

A nursery will be available for those from birth through five years of age.

Dr. Earl Kelly is executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Registration for the conference will be accomplished by having each individual attending sign a giant "Bicentennial Freedom Scroll" in the registration area.

Nursery - - -

(Continued from page 1) for the first child and \$1 for each additional child in the same family. There will be an additional charge of 50 cents for each child if the church furnishes lunch and an extra charge for children picked up late.

The committee requests identification be placed on each child, and his or her belongings.

A Bible learning experience is planned for each session according to age group.

Provisions will be provided for all children pre-registered. The committee requests that reservations be made early and should be sent to Mrs. Hunter Colgin 8841 Lawson Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23503.

"We are trying to arrange for a shuttle bus from Talbot Park Baptist Church to the SBC meeting, which is about four miles," Mrs. Colgin said.

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BYWS in a Virginia coast style fish fry in Red Wing Park Saturday afternoon.

"Fabric of Freedom," Bicentennial musical drama of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will be performed Saturday at 8 p.m., in a session open to the public. Lyrics and direction are by Ed Seabough and music by Bill Cates, both of the Home Mission Board staff.

"In the evenings," he said, "convention proceedings will be transmitted by closed circuit television to the Virginia Beach Convention Center where a large screen will be erected. Persons staying in Virginia Beach who do not want to return to the Scope Convention Center for the evening session may go to the Virginia Beach Dome, which is close to the resort hotels."

C. S. Mullins

Dies At 85

Funeral rites for Rev. Clarence Selma Mullins, 85, were March 1 at Welch Funeral Home Chapel, Starkville. The Rev. Jimmy Vance and Dr. Raymond Lloyd officiated.

Mr. Mullins died Feb. 29 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Jackson.

He was a resident of Starkville for the past 36 years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I and was a member of American Legion Post 13. He was also a member of the Peace Officers Association.

Mr. Mullins was a Baptist minister for 45 years and retired in 1971. He was the pastor of several churches in Oktibbeha County and three churches were built under his direction.

He was widely-known in the area, particularly for his charitable activities, which included visiting with hospital patients.

He had his own radio program in Starkville and was the pastor at Parchman Prison for two years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs.

while both were attending Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N. Y.

Tickets are priced at \$5.00, adults; \$2.50 for students and may be purchased at all Capital Music Stores at Jackson and Pearl, The Frisco Inn at Clinton, and The First National Bank at Clinton.

Church groups planning to bus to the event are encouraged to purchase their tickets as early as possible.



Ready In October

Church, Houston, Miss., and a Commission trustee. With them is Dr. Alvin 'Bo' Huffman Jr., Commission vice-president. The addition is being built with funds from the recent Second Step Campaign. — Radio-TV Commission Photo by Rachel Colvin

Lolley Urges Growth In SBC Moving Living Stream

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—Identifying some of the "converging, complementing, conflicting, and competing currents" in the "living . . . living stream" of Southern Baptist Convention life, W. Randall Lolley challenged Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to "go on building with them."

Lolley made the challenge during his presidential inaugural address on Founder's Day of the Seminary's 25th year. He was elected seven months earlier as the seminary's third president, succeeding Olin T. Binkley.

The 44-year-old Southeastern Seminary alumnus expressed thankfulness for the "continuing banner between this seminary and those who support it and to whom it sends its products" and for the continuing engagements within the processes of the theological educational enterprise itself.

Plunging into current analogy, Lolley said that Southeastern Seminary, one of six operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, "cannot with integrity simply enjoy the level of theological insight of the typical Southern Baptist church."

It must be said, "we are working at the cutting edge of the best that is being thought and done in the area of faith and work. Yet, this school must maintain a connection to and a credibility with those who are never quite equal to what it is and where it is in its pursuit of the truth," he added.

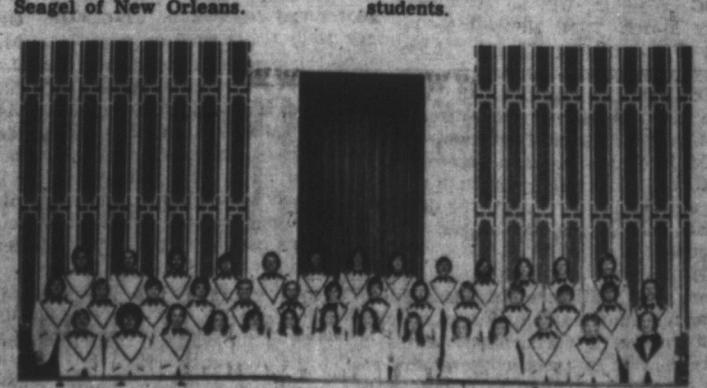
"Thus the currents, and sometimes the cross-currents, are not only to be expected, they are to be welcomed," he declared.

Noting that "voluntarism comes hard," Lolley warned that "at best denominationalism poses challenges to it . . . and the larger and more aggressive the denominational bureaucracy, the greater the sphere of conflict."

"Thank God, we Southern Baptists will never all be exactly alike," he continued. "We do not have to be. Our richness lies in our diversity. The key to our togetherness is not alikeness. It is 'Aloneness' — our striving to become persons together for whom Jesus Christ is Lord."

Mary Lee Arnold Mullins of Starkville; two daughters, Mrs. Ester Goodman of Starkville and Mrs. Faye Westmark of Dothan, Ala.; two brothers, two sisters, nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Two sons, Raymond and Roland, preceded him in death.

The funeral eulogy, written by his son Raymond, was read by his grandson-in-law Rabbi Kenneth Seigel of New Orleans.



Bison Glee Club to Mississippi

The Bison Glee Club of Oklahoma Baptist University will present a concert March 26 at First Baptist Church in Morton. Michael T. Cox, the director, said the 40-voice choir will present a varied repertoire of classical, spiritual, and popular music. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. The choir has appeared from coast to coast and border to border and has made two overseas trips. It has also appeared on national and state television and has made numerous radio appearances. Rev. Bartis Harper is pastor of the host church.

Louisiana College Given \$250,000

(Continued from page 1) legate president, said the \$500,000 has been designated by the family for use in a future building project on the campus.

The gift was given in honor of the late Stephen Madison and Jewel Clements English of Lisbon, La., by their five children, all Louisiana College alumni. They

are Madge English Stack and Fred English, both of Meridian, Miss.; Nedra English McDonald and Max English, both of Lisbon; and Donna English Walker of Crowley, La.

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WMU Convention Theme Will Be "Freedom To Be"



Ogburn Latham Canzoneri

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, president, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will be one of the featured speakers at the annual meeting of Mississippi WMU. The meeting is scheduled to be held at First Baptist Church, Gulfport, March 22-24.

Miss Marjean Patterson, Executive Secretary, Mississippi WMU, revealed the theme to be "Freedom to Be" and said that the session Monday evening will emphasize America's bicentennial and the freedoms which Americans enjoy.

The Monday evening session will begin at 7 p.m. and will include a concert of patriotic melodies presented by the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, un-

der the direction of Jimmy Cutrell. In addition to the special music, Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and Mrs. Bryan Brasington of Richmond, Va., will be bringing patriotic messages.

Continuing along the bicentennial theme, the Tuesday morning session, beginning at 9:30 a.m., will emphasize the freedom which we have to serve Christ in other countries and also in our own country. Relating experiences from the mission field will be Mrs. Bill Moseley, missionary to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Davis, missionaries to Ghana, and Rev. J. W. Brister, Director of Associational Missions on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory will speak on serving Christ through Woman's Missionary Union.

Special guests during the Tuesday morning session will be the parents of Mississippi missionaries. There will be a special rec-

ognition service during the session, and a luncheon honoring these men and women will be held following the session.

During the Tuesday afternoon session, emphasis will be given to being women in today's world, and the freedoms and privileges which women have. Telling about their experiences as missionaries in two different areas of the world will be Antonina Canzoneri, missionary to the Bahamas and Mrs. Guy Henderson, to the Philippines.

Other missionaries speaking during this session will be Dr. and Mrs. R. C. McGlamery, Gaza; Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile; and Rev. and Mrs. Bob Williams, Niger Republic. These will be describing their lives in some of the troubled areas of our world. Concluding the session will be Rev. and Mrs. Hal B. Lee, who will be sharing their work in the city of Paris, France.

A very special session will be

Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., when missionaries from Mississippi will be recognized. As the theme of the session, "Freedom to be World Citizens" is followed, a parade of the flags of the nations will highlight the evening. Following the session, a reception and autograph party honoring the missionaries and other program personnel will be held in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. A special invitation is given to GAs and Actives to come enjoy the session, meet the missionaries, and get autographs from those present.

The Wednesday morning session, beginning at 9:30, will again feature those who serve in missions work. Telling about the work in Indonesia will be Dr. and Mrs. Winfield Applewhite; Rev. and Mrs. John Smith; and Mrs. Jerry Rankin. Sharing the work in the country of Brazil will be Dorothy Latham, and relating experiences from the West Coast will be Dr.

Peter Chen, pastor of the Chinese Grace Baptist Church in San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Gregory will be speaking on the work of Woman's Missionary Union and the influences which WMU can have in the lives of others.

Directing the music and presenting special selections during the meeting will be Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sigrest, music evangelists from Yazoo City.

Leading the meditation periods at each session will be Mrs. Herman Sehested of Fort Worth, Tex.

Baptist Young Women are invited to attend a banquet in their honor on Tuesday evening at 5:30-7:00. The banquet, held at Grace Memorial Baptist, will highlight the organization for these young women, and will include music, fellowship, and attending the evening session of the WMU Convention at First Baptist Church. Speaking to the young women will

be Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, President, WMU, SBC. Reservations for the banquet need to be made through the WMU Office in Jackson by March 19. Young women who attend will also be recognized during the evening session of the convention.

Following the closing session of the meeting, tours of the mission work on the Gulf Coast will be available for those interested in seeing the work first-hand. Rev. J. W. Brister, director of associational missions, and Rev. Paul Vandercook, director of language missions on the coast, have these tours scheduled and will be glad to arrange for you and the ladies from your church to participate. Information concerning these tours will be given during the convention.

Plan now to come and bring a group of women from your church to this significant meeting in Gulfport.

SBC WMU Sessions Will Mark Bicentennial

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the program will accommodate out-of-towners arriving for the meeting.

The historical drama, written by Mrs. Lamar Jackson of Birmingham, will be directed by Ed Seabough of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, assisted by Sherry Fairchild, associate director of the Baptist Student Union at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.

The major address will be on the European implications of the Bicentennial, as seen by C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and head of the BWA European office in London. His topic will be "Where Christians Stand Together."

The Virginia Baptist Male Chorale will perform selections from "The Testament of Freedom," and then the Sunday session will close with a meditation by Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, who will speak on "The Living Flame."

Cauthen will speak again to conclude the Monday evening session, using the same theme. Each time he will be backed with dramatic

audio-visuals prepared by the Foreign Mission Board.

Because Monday, June 14, is Flag Day, the WMU audience will move outside on the flag-decked Scope Plaza to stage a noontime celebration of Flag Day amid the

Foreign Board - - -

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000 will repair Guatemala City's Baptist Seminary and \$1,000 will repair the damage to the Baptist Bookstore.

The board approved an additional \$7,000 from regular Foreign Mission Board funds for special evangelism projects in Guatemala, which will parallel Baptist reconstruction efforts there.

Seven missionaries were appointed to serve in four countries. Southern Baptists now have more than 2,600 missionaries in 82 countries.

Appointed as career missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. (Rod) Batie from Colorado and Texas, assigned to Ivory Coast; Mr. and Mrs. Danny L. Broske, Virginia, to Costa Rica; and Mr. and Mrs. James M. (Jim) Richardson, Virginia and Missouri, to East Africa.

Employed as a missionary associate was Jean (Mrs. Grover Forrest) Teague from North Carolina, assigned to Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Estes, former Southern Baptist missionaries to Switzerland who resigned in 1965, were reappointed to Spain.

A medical receptionship, an arrangement in which the board provides short-term overseas opportunities for qualified medical students, was awarded to Susan Cox, a student at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N. C.

strong of Southern Baptists.

The program will be the national focal point of the "Day of Prayer, Fasting, and Humiliation," sponsored by WMU in Southern Baptist churches across the nation.

Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., will keynote the noon session, and special music, flag ceremonies, prayer, and an emphasis on fasting will suggest a Christian viewpoint of the Bicentennial.

In the morning session, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., president of WMU 1966-67 and 1968-75, will give the WMU historical feature; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burnes, missionaries in Greece, will speak on the Christian life in a missionary family; Norman Lytle, a Southern Baptist fraternal representative in Israel, will speak on "Standing in Troubled Places;" and Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, Danville, Va., will deliver her first presidential address as head of the 1,123,000 - member women's auxiliary to the SBC.

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unable to include in its annual operating budget, and to increase the size of the school's endowment fund for scholarships and other continuing purposes, W. E. Thorn, the college's president, told trustees here.

The matching fund drive was launched by college trustee A. Webb Roberts, who said he would give \$750,000 if the college would raise an additional \$750,000, which it did.

In other action, the trustees named Thomas J. Rector as financial administrator.

Greater Meridian Bicentennial Revival

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MARCH 26-27 SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE FRANK COCHRAN CENTER IN HIGHLAND PARK (Seating Capacity 3000—National TV Network Telecast)

SPECIAL GUEST

MARCH 26—DALE EVANS ROGERS

MARCH 27—"MISS AMERICA," SHIRLEY COCHRAN. (Shirley will also remain for the service Sunday morning, March 28.)



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Hobbs To Lead Doctrinal Study In Yazoo City

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City, well-known BAPTIST HOUR speaker, and former SBC president, will be in Yazoo City March 21-24. He will be in the First Baptist Church, the Rev. James F. Yates, pastor.

Dr. Hobbs is coming to the Yazoo City Church to lead a discussion of "the Great Doctrines," a field in which he is a foremost authority. The congregation had an opportunity to suggest the doctrines they would like to hear expounded.

On March 21, Dr. Hobbs will meet with the youth during the Sunday School hour, 9:40 a.m. He will preach at the morning worship service 11 a.m., using one of the doctrines as his Scriptural basis.

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EDITORIAL

Guest Editorial

The Inspiration Of The Bible

JACK GRITZ

In Baptist Messenger, Okla.
All Baptists believe in the inspiration of the Bible. However, not all Baptists define inspiration with the same terms or understand its meaning in the same way.

God in his infinite wisdom and mercy has made himself known to mankind. This we call revelation. Inspiration has to do with the method by which this revelation was communicated and preserved.

Basically the word inspiration means "in breathed" and refers to the process by which the Holy Spirit divinely guided messengers in delivering, recording and preserving the truth from God.

Neither revelation nor inspiration can be proved, or disproved by argument. Both must be accepted by faith. The twin facts that there is a God who has chosen to make himself known to mankind and that he directed the recording of this revelation into a book called the Bible, which is a trustworthy spiritual guide, cannot be proved by logical reasoning. They are articles of faith for all who believe them. But they are just as real facts as any other.

The Bible repeatedly declares the fact of its inspiration, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16-17). "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (I Peter 1:21). "And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord" (Ex. 24:4). Clearly men were under the influence of the Holy Spirit as they spoke and wrote. This is inspiration.

Most Baptists, therefore, affirm

that the Bible is the Word of God. They are not satisfied with the statement made by some theologians that the Bible "contains the Word of God," meaning that the Bible contains inspired thoughts and the words were chosen entirely by the human writers without divine guidance. Most Baptists reject the modern idea advanced by some contemporary theologians that the Bible "becomes the Word of God" only as the Holy Spirit quickens its message in the mind of a reader. We believe the Bible is the Word of God! It is not merely a record of what God has said and done in the past but is itself a vital part of the redemptive process by which God is drawing men to himself and making his will known to them. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12).

Since truth is communicated through words, by its very nature inspiration must be verbal. (Unfortunately not all Baptists have accepted this self-evident fact).

Any mistake in the choice of words would have misrepresented the meaning. For this reason, most Baptists believe in what is called the plenary (meaning "full") verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. This simply means that each word was written down in the original languages in the original manuscripts of the Bible exactly as God intended for it to be. Obviously this does not obviate the possibility of errors in textual transmission or in translation. The Bible claims such verbal inspiration for itself as follows: "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also

we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (I Cor. 3:12-13).

This, of course, does not mean that the writer was merely a mechanical stenographer. The idea is that the writer was under the controlling power of the Holy Spirit and wrote the words as God wanted them to be without losing one fraction of his individuality. God used each man with his background, culture, mental ability, literary methods and characteristic vocabulary. But the man did not write just as a man. He wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The words were chosen by the writer and at the same time they were chosen by the Spirit. Because of this activity of the Spirit in which the personality of the human agent was never disregarded, the words of the writers became the words of God, and the book became the Word of God. The Bible is uniquely a divine-human book.

With this process of inspiration going on the writers were preserved from error and the Scriptures are, therefore, infallible. The so-called "dynamical theory of inspiration," which in contrast to the idea of verbal inspiration holds that the thought only is inspired and the form the thought took depended entirely on the writers, is particularly weak at this point. God "breathed" through the entire process. A complete view of inspiration sees that God directed the way in which these books were written, gathered and preserved through the centuries.

It is thrilling to realize that the same Holy Spirit who inspired the Bible wants to help the Christian understand it. Jesus said, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

MASTERS OF SPEECH by Edgar DeWitt Jones (Baker, paper, \$3.95, 256 pp.) Outstanding studies of fifteen American orators, drawn from the nation's history, beginning with Patrick Henry and ending with Woodrow Wilson. One chapter is about Sergeant S. Prentiss of Mississippi.

THE CHURCH IN THIS CITY (Messiah Book Room, Detroit, 62 pp., \$1.75) A brief appeal by an unidentified writer for Christian unity based on salvation and the Spirit's leadership rather than upon doctrine. The idea sounds good, but hardly can be defended by the scriptures since unity there is based upon the teachings of the Word.

COURAGE AND SUBMISSION by Stanley Collie (Gospel Light, paper, 94 pp.) This is a study of the two women, Ruth and Esther, both of whom in different periods of Hebrew history uniquely combined the characteristics of courage and submission.

MAKE LEARNING A JOY by Jim Larson (Gospel Light, paper, 75 pp., \$1.45) The author draws from experiences as youth director, minister of education and pastor to offer guidelines for leading children in exciting Bible learning experiences. This book is for leaders and teachers of children, grades 1-6.

LANDMARKS AND TIMEPOSTS by Mrs. Truman Harsha (LeRoi, 125 pp.) The author is a 78 year old Christian woman who read the Bible through many times and taught Bible classes for over 40 years. Here she has collected scriptures on numerous subjects and has chapters dealing with a number of Bible themes. One has to read the book rather carefully to find the author's thesis that God's word does reveal the Landmarks and Timeposts which men need for life.

VOICES OF TWELVE HEBREW PROPHETS by G. Campbell Morgan (Baker, paper, \$1.85, 127 pp.) Reprint of sermons by a pulpit master. The major thrust of the minor prophets is examined.

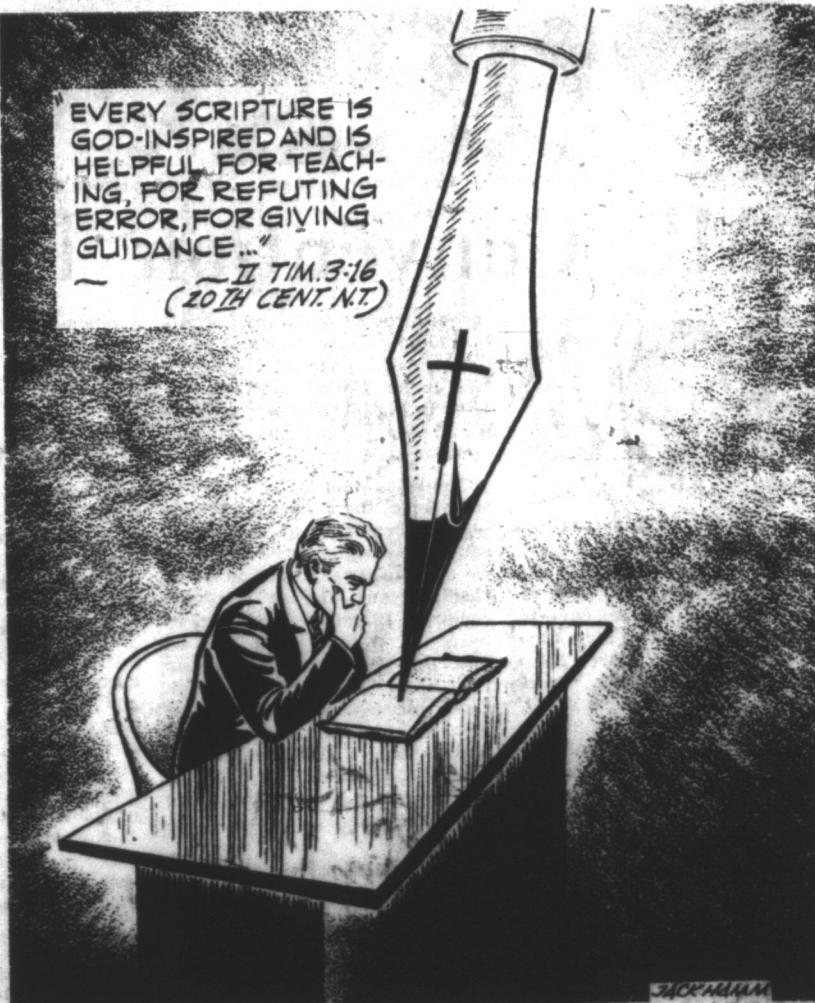
HANDBOOK FOR FINANCIAL FAITHFULNESS by Floyd Sharp and Al MacDonald (Zondervan, paper, \$3.95) A Scriptural approach to financial planning. Ideas for planning your giving, saving, spending.

12 SERMONS FOR THE TROUBLED AND TRIED by Charles H. Spurgeon (Baker, reprint, paper, \$1.85, 168 pp.) These sermons speak to the troubled heart, bringing the hope of God's Word to renew faith and confidence in the believer's life.

12 SERMONS ON FAITH by Charles H. Spurgeon (Baker, paper, reprint, \$1.85, 148 pp.) The concept of faith is superbly treated by the eminent English Baptist preacher.

EVERY SCRIPTURE IS GOD-INSPIRED AND IS HELPFUL FOR TEACHING, FOR REFUTING ERROR, FOR GIVING GUIDANCE..."

— II TIM. 3:16
(20TH CENT. NT)



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Congratulations On New Hospital

Dear Brother Odie:

I enjoy getting the Baptist Record and I send special congratulations on Mississippi Baptists' new hospital. I have a warm place in my heart for Mississippi Baptists since I was in your state last February in revival with my good friend, Brother Jasper Neel, Jr., who is pastor at Belzoni, Mississippi.

Be assured of my continued prayer for the work Mississippi Baptists are doing in our Lord's name.

David L. Holt, Pastor
Boy Avenue Baptist Church
Casper, Wyoming

Says That Montana Missionary Needs Car For Work

Dear Mr. Odie:

I am writing to you in hopes that you can help one of the area missionaries who keeps helping others but asks nothing for himself. You probably know him well because he came from your state and you sponsor the work in Montana. His name is W. J. "Dub" Hughes and he is in great need of a car. How he does his work as an area missionary in borrowed vehicles I don't know but he told me the other day he had put 4,000 miles already on a car he had borrowed from his pastor. Surely there is someone or some group who can provide a means of transportation for him to do his work for the Lord in the vast area of Montana in a more efficient way. I pray that this will be done.

Mrs. C. Douglas Branham (Susan)
Route 1, Box 251
Douglas, WY. 82333

Church In Germany Needs Youth And Music Minister

Dear Editor:

Our church is seeking a person to fill the position of Youth and Music Minister. We are located in a community of 106,000 Americans who are serving in the American Military in West Germany.

Our church is one of 41 Southern Baptist oriented churches in Europe. We have an English speaking church in almost every country served by the American military. We consider ourselves to be fraternally related to the SBC since all of our pastors are from SBC churches in America, and our Executive Secretary is a missionary under appointment to the Foreign Mission Board.

We have a resident membership of over 300. Our Sunday School enrollment is about 500 with an average attendance of 375. Our youth program involves at the present time almost 100 7-12th graders. We operate a full-time Montessori preschool and Kindergarten with an enrollment of 80 and a faculty of five. In the near future we will open a day care center for working mothers and expect to enroll about 80 children. We have a full church program. Our church is completely self-supporting with an annual budget of \$93,000.00.

It is very difficult for us to find additional staff members since we are so far from the source. I will be in the United States from March 15 until June 10, 1976. I would like to interview possible candidates. Interested individuals should send a complete resume, including personal references, to 1700 Atlas Street, Memphis, Tennessee 38106, or I can be reached at telephone number 901-386-7972.

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West Germany
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Baptists Given Liberty To Preach To Soldiers

RICHMOND, Va., 1776 (BP) — In response to an appeal from Virginia Baptists, the Virginia Convention sent an order to officers of troops fighting England for American independence to allow Baptist ministers to preach to the soldiers.

The order allowed Baptists and other "dissenting clergymen" to preach "from time to time as various operations of the military service may permit." The resolution was passed "for the ease of such scrupulous consciences as may not choose to attend divine service as celebrated by the chaplain" of the state church.

In their petition to the Virginia Convention the Baptists pointed out that many of their number already had enlisted and many more were likely to follow.

These Baptists wanted their ministers to preach and to minister to them during the campaigns, so the Convention was asked to allow Baptist ministers Elijah Craig, Lewis Craig, Jeremiah Walker, and John Williams "to preach to the troops at convenient times without molestation or buse."

As the Baptist pastors recommended for appointment to the troops "have a strong attachment to American liberty" as well as soundness in principles of religion and usefulness in the work of the ministry, the Convention was invited to examine them thoroughly to prove their qualifications.

The petition explained that Baptists had carefully considered "what part might be most prudent for Baptists" in the revolution. It was agreed that "in some cases it is lawful to go to war" and that military resistance against Great Britain was justified because of their "unjust invasion, tyrannical oppression, and repeated hostilities against America." The petition added that the question of enlistment by Baptists was decided individually, however.

Baptists had been falsely accused of disloyalty because they threatened to take their appeal for freedom of worship to the king. The measure was to be only a last resort, however, after Baptists had exhausted every hope of just treatment from the colonies.

Baptists threw their full weight into the fight against England, hopeful that out of the struggle for civil liberties would come freedom of religion.

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Baptists And Religious Liberty

CHAPLAIN JOHN GANO OFFERS THANKSGIVING—New York, April 18, 1783 — John Gano, Baptist pastor who served as chaplain to the Colonial Army under General George Washington, led the army in a prayer of thanksgiving when Washington announced the peace terms to his troops near Newburg on the Hudson. (Used with permission of the Historical Commissions, S.B.C.)

2100 Conversions In India Meetings

By Eiven Fairchild

Flying out of JFK on January 6, my mind went back to the four times I had done this before. All the other tours of India I had made, one of the family had been with me. My wife was to have come this time. Problems of financing arose and the time came when one provided the means to go. Had the call of God not been so urgent and so clear, I would have simply stayed in the States and served here. People and churches like Claude Townsend of Townsend Foundation; Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Berea, Kosciusko; Salem Church, Tylertown and others in other states invested in this ministry and were praying for us; we had to go. Filled with the knowledge that God had called us and yet with thoughts of the changing attitude of India toward America and the changing political situation there, I went to God in prayer and committed the whole thing to Him and then took the first of many short naps that would consume the time of travel.

January 8: 5 a.m. Arrived at the airport in Bombay. My fears of reception in India were immediately laid aside. The friendliness and courtesy of those who helped me clear customs could well be followed in other places. I looked, searched, and waited in vain for nearly two hours for my contact man to meet me. Finally realizing that he was not there, I took a taxi into Bombay. I left Bombay the next morning by train for my first assignment.

As I travelled I pictured the days ahead according to my past tours. In one of these previous services, nearly a thousand had been saved. Little did I know the experiences ahead of me this time.

The high mountain passes where you look into the valleys below with their waterfalls, rivers and the checkerboard designs formed by the small plots of grain and sugar cane were unmatched by anything I had seen. The beautiful coastline of Venezuela with its

New Testament Era Background Of Church-State Relationships

By Ronnie Prevost

Second in Series of Four

Before considering church-state relations in the New Testament era, it would be necessary to explore the background of some of the New Testament attitudes as they grew out of Greco-Roman civilization. The Greeks were very serious about their anthropomorphic religion.

From the beginning they distinguished either very little or none at all between the religion and the state. Early Greek kings were also the chief priests. Even as the republican form of government emerged, the elected leaders determined the particular cult to be followed. Still, the union of religion and state saw a dominant state. Even in this atmosphere there was a degree of religious toleration. In Athens, although one was compelled by law to worship Zeus and Apollo, one was also permitted to worship his private gods. This was quite different from the religious liberty secured for the United States by the fathers of our constitutional republic.

Early Roman religion and state relations to a great extent paralleled that of early Greece. Gradually, a hierarchy of priests developed headed by a chief priest called "Pontifex Maximus." As

the empire developed, Rome's state religion had become so corrupted by pagan deities that an extreme skepticism toward religion mushroomed. Such leaders as Cato, who said that he wondered how two augurs (priests or prophets) could meet without laughing, and Caesar himself, who even as Pontifex Maximus told the Senate that he did not believe in a future life, led in this skepticism. Out of this atmosphere grew the new Roman state religion — worship of the state itself and the state embodied in the emperor. Those not worshipping the state (such as the later Christians) were considered atheists.

During the time of the New Testament there were numerous types of religions: the mystery cults, the religion of the Hebrews, the state religion of Rome, a few worshippers of the Olympia gods, and some others. Church and state were inseparable. When one thought of Rome, one thought of emperor worship. When one thought of Palestine's civil government, one thought of the Mosaic Law and its resultant religion. Still, religion remained a political tool or point of leverage. A prime example of this is in the story of the lawyer asking Jesus to whom the Jews were to pay tribute, Caesar or God. The questioner did not really desire an answer in regard to religion, but wanted only to trap Jesus in a political snare. The answer that Jesus gave has often been used as a proof text in discussion and preaching on the

church-state issue. "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" does not have a direct application to the church-state issue. Had it dealt directly with the church-state issue, surely the lawyer would have pursued the question further and not have been silenced in amazement as he was. The New Testament does not provide a systematic doctrine on the relations of church and state.

Both the church and state exist today as social institutions created for the benefit of man. The church was brought into being to satisfy the basic human need of reconciliation to the Creator. The state was brought into existence because man has the need to live within some form of order. In the past the two have been joined and separated. To separate the two does not mean that they are opposed, but that they fulfill different human functions in society.

In the final analysis, the relations of church and state have

been marked throughout time with many unique experiments. Our view of history is often very narrow and we see American tradition as normative. The truth is that no single pattern has emerged in the history of the relations between the Christian churches and the governments with which they have been confronted. The relationships have shown signs of great diversity and to begin with there must be an open recognition of this diversity. The American tradition is one unique formula among others. It is from within this framework that Christians in the United States must formulate an ethic to deal with the issue. The question of the separation or proper degree of separation between church and state is one that affects every Christian and every taxpayer, especially in the area of educational considerations.

(NOTE: Ronnie Prevost is a postgraduate student at New Orleans Seminary. He is a Mississippian.)



Daniels To Preach In Meridian Crusade

The Frank Cochran Convention Center, 3000 seat convention hall in Highland Park, Meridian, will be the scene of the Friday and Saturday night services (March 26 and 27) of the Greater Meridian Revival Crusade, which is being sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church of that city. The meeting is scheduled March 21-28, and all other services will be in Calvary Church. Dr. E. J. Daniels is the evangelist, and W. Otis Seal the pastor. Some outstanding Christian personalities are featured in convention hall services of the meeting.

The services in the two churches that night were again demonstrations of the mighty power of God. Attendance was 400; a total of 100 accepted Christ. One of these services was in a small church and the other on a street corner. The one on the street corner met about 9 p.m. and the light was supplied by a drop cord run from one of the buildings which had electricity.

This series of services in Sangli was the most powerful of all the services we were in. In the 20 services, we preached to a total attendance of slightly more than 5,000 and 751 people were saved. In more than 1/2 of the services we were not able to give an open invitation. We could not help but wonder what God would have permitted to be done had we been able to stay in this place for 5 to 8 weeks.

The last series of services was in the city of Poona. This was entirely different from the other services. This is a city of 1½ million people with many colleges, hospitals and seminaries along with some of the largest and oldest churches in this part of India. The reception that was held for us included college presidents,

or early 1977 while the doors are still open. I know that as God wants us to return He will supply the way even as He has in the past.

(NOTE: The series of meetings was arranged by Dr. P. N. Kurien of All India Prayer Fellowship, New Delhi, and financed by the gifts of churches and friends of the Fairchilds. The services were conducted by Eiven Fairchild, Mobile, Miss., of Fairchild Evangelistic Association.)

Mrs. C. R. Daley Sr. Dies In Georgia

NEWINGTON, Ga. (BP)—Funeral services for Mrs. C. R. Daley Sr., 79, were held at Newington Baptist Church here, with burial in Newington.

She was the mother of C. R. Daley Jr., editor of the Western Recorder, state newspaper for Kentucky Baptists.



Today's Youth



MC Focus Day leaders are: Front (left to right)—Jan Ormond—sponsor's coffee; Anne Jones—FOCUS DAY co-chairman; Melanie Taylor—Publicity; Beverly Gilder—Welcome; Barbara Smith—Carnival & Exhibits; Jan Simmons—Telephone; Suzanne Deese—Registration; Back (left to right)—Bill Ireland—Registration; Andy Lewis—Stage; Bobby Pittman—Publicity; Danny Johnson—Barbecue; Bruce Fields—Welcome; Clint Purvis—Barbecue; David Mitchell—Telephone; David Medlin—FOCUS DAY co-chairman.

MC Invites Prospective Students

To Be On Hand For Focus Day '76

Mississippi College will be filled with activity on Saturday, March 20, as over 800 high school and junior college students will be on hand for FOCUS DAY '76 activities.

The purpose of the day-long celebration is to give prospective students a first-hand view of the campus and a variety of campus activities.

Students from every high school and junior college in Mississippi have been invited, according to FOCUS DAY co-chairmen David Medlin of Meridian and Anne Jones of Brookhaven.

Highlighting the FOCUS DAY activities will be tours of the campus, visits with professors in

the various academic departments, and a carnival sponsored by the Student Body Association.

Other events will include presentation of a recently completed film of life on the Mississippi College campus, a noon barbecue, and entertainment by the "Naturals," a widely-known Mississippi College musical group.

Kirk Kilpatrick, a popular impressionist and Jackson WJDX radio personality, will provide special entertainment. Kilpatrick is studying law as a senior at the MC School of Law.

Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration in the B. C. Rogers Student Center.

World's Strongest Man To Appear At Celebration

More than one thousand youth and youth leaders are expected to meet in Jackson on Saturday, March 20, for the SUPER SIX celebration, a program featuring patriotism and Christianity as its theme. The SUPER SIX celebration, sponsored by the Hills-Madison Baptist Association, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Alta Woods Church in Jackson.

Appearing on the program will be Paul Anderson, the world's strongest man. Anderson, who holds national, world and Olympic titles, has lifted more weight in a single attempt than any other person in the history of the world. In one try he lifted 6,170 pounds in the back lift. A dynamic Christian, Anderson will present a weightlifting demonstration and will be the principle speaker for the celebration.

Youth from the sixty-eight churches in the association will participate in the celebration fea-

turing singing, testimonies and fellowship. Special music for the event will be presented by "The Notations," a popular musical group from the Broadmoor Church in Jackson.

Throughout the day of March 20th a Folk Festival will be held at the Jackson Mall. Youth choirs from area churches will sing and share faith at the festival, scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome to share and be a part of this Celebration.

DEVONSHIRE, Bermuda — A special recognition service was held at the First Baptist Church here for former members who are now in or preparing for church-related ministries. Five Baptist pastors, three Southern Baptist missionaries, two Baptist college students and one Southern Baptist seminary student were hon-

ored in the service.

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A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board
Wife Founder

There are many everyday things that make life good — the fragrance of a soap, the slam of a certain car door, the squeak of a kitchen door; hearing a song from long ago, finding a picture lost in the rubble, smelling coffee on the stove, looking out a favorite window, sewing the last button on a dress, stitching up a basketful of rips, tears, and snags.

Touching a sticky icing boiler and remembering kisses from sticky little lips umpteen years ago, then remembering that only week before last our twenty-year-old and our seventeen-year-old scraped an icing boiler, and remembering the times and places where I scraped the icing boiler. Which brings me rather quickly to my point.

Scraping boilers is almost as symbolic of the life cycle as the flowers of spring. My mother scraped them. I scraped them. Our children scraped them. Their children will scrape them. That is, unless technology does us completely in. Our boys never have, in my busier moments the few times I've gone to confectioners sugar icing, asked to scrape that boiler, and not once have they asked me to leave some icing in the can I opened to spread in a hurry.

I always have the feeling it really isn't the icing or the scraping they enjoy the most. I think it was the smelling of the cooking, and hearing the sounds of Mother in the kitchen doing something to make that time of their lives better — one of the good times of their lives — that they enjoy. It is sorta' like icing on their lives.

Sunday School Lesson: International

Ready For The Lord's Return

By Wm. J. Fallis
Matthew 24

Does the title of this lesson remind you of some signs you have seen along the highway? If somebody in the car treated the message lightly, you may have fitted into that mood. Or you may have thought: "We all need to be reminded that our times are in God's hands and that someday he will bring the whole thing to an end." That is a statement of faith and not the cry of a gloomy pessimist. It shows the kind of confidence that can give serenity in life. While some people may be warped by an obsession with the coming judgment, others can believe in it just as deeply while trying to live the Christian life in the here and now. We need to hear again what Jesus said about last things.

The Lesson Explained
While Doing The Usual Things
(vv. 42-44)

Verse 36 is the theme verse of this whole passage. From the first of the chapter Jesus had been talking about last things: destruction of the Temple, catastrophes, claims of false prophets, widespread suffering, and then the day itself. But no one could know, Jesus said, when all that would happen. Although the King James Version does not include the phrase, most modern translations have the idea that not even the

Kingdom of Heaven has known when the last day would come.

The Way To Be Ready
(vv. 45-51)

In these verses Jesus moves

Son knew when that day would come. This verse ought to silence those people who keep on predicting the year of his coming.

To emphasize its unexpectedness, Jesus compared the situation to come with that in Noah's day. Everyone but Noah and his family was busy with the usual things unaware that judgment would come when the rains began. Some day in the future the people of the world will be doing the usual things, and then suddenly the Son of man will come. Two men — perhaps brothers — will be working in a field, or two women will be only inches apart as they grind grain in a stone mill; when the Lord comes, one will be taken and the other left. Both the coming and the judgment will be abrupt.

Prepare For The Unexpected
(vv. 42-44)

Verse 42 echoes verse 36 as to human ignorance of the "hour your Lord doth come." But this time Jesus preceded it with a command that his disciples be alert and prepared for the unexpected. To illustrate his point, he pictured a householder whose home had been burglarized, and Jesus said if the man had known when the burglar would come, he would have been ready for him. Since the householder cannot know the burglar's plans, he must be watchful all the time. That was the point Jesus was making about the day of judgment and salvation.

The Way To Be Ready
(vv. 45-51)

In these verses Jesus moves

quickly into another parable. Verse 45 is better understood if the question mark is placed after "servant." Then the second half can begin (as in the TEV): "He is the one whom his master has placed in charge." This servant is evidently the foreman or manager, and the "household" refers to other workers in the home or on the estate. The manager was responsible not only for directing their work but also for having them fed at proper times. When the owner returns unexpectedly

and finds the manager doing his assigned tasks, he will reward him with larger responsibilities. That is the way to be ready.

On the other hand, if the manager should say as the owner's absence lengthens, "He's not coming back or it will be a long time yet," the owner will surprise him. Of course, Jesus was talking here to and about his followers. He was urging them to be ready at all times by doing what the Master expected.

Sunflower County Churches

Plan Bicentennial Celebration

General Chairman of the Bicentennial committee of Sunflower County Association, Granville Watson of Moorhead, has revealed to a committee of members from the Baptist churches the plans for the Bicentennial Celebration set for April 11.

Thirty committee members met in Moorhead at the new Mississippi Delta Coliseum, site for the Celebration, to make plans for the program. Bobby Kirk of Roundaway Church presented the financial plans. Also he discussed the handling of tickets. Dan Morton, Chairman of the Music Committee, presented Harold Wilcox of First Church, Indianola who will conduct a youth musical as part of the celebration. The musical, "FREEDOM" is being rehearsed each Sunday by over sixty youth.

Cornell Daughtry, program chairman, presented to the group the planned activities of the day Ringing of the "Liberty Bell" will begin each feature. The replica of the Liberty Bell given to the State of Mississippi will be used. Beginning the festivities will be a Patriotic-Christian worship service in the afternoon. A gigantic picnic is planned for the break between afternoon and evening programs.

The evening activities will begin with the musical "FREEDOM." Next, Robert E. Wall of Mississippi College will present his patriotic message in a sight and sound titled, "America, O America the Beautiful."

According to Daughtry, the special feature of the occasion will be a Patriotic - Sacred Concert by Tom Netheron of the Lawrence Welk Show.

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Prayer Lift For Pastors: March 21-27

Hinds-Madison

March 21

Sonny Simpson, Flag Chapel
C. Z. Holland, Farmhaven
Wilbur Irwin, Forest Hill
Walter Grayson, Good Hope
Wilson Winstead, Griffith Memorial

March 22

Sam Creel, Highland
Paul Wilson, Hanging Moss
Maurice Clayton, Hillcrest
Woodrow Clark, Learned
Len Turner, Lula

March 23

Billy McKay, Madison
John Hilburn, McDowell Road
Benton Preston, Midway
Charles Gentry, Morrison Heights
Ronnie Robinson, New Haven

March 24

James Porch, Northside
Tom Hudson, Oak Forest
Taylor Ballard, Palestine
Joe Stovall, Parkhill
Bill Causey, Parkway

March 25

Davis Ramsey, Pocahontas
Sam Mason, Raymond
Robert McDonald, Raymond Road
Everette Martin, Ridgeland
Julius Thompson, Ridgecrest

March 26

John McDonald, Robinson Road
Harry Jones, Salem
Nelson Crozier, Simmons Memorial

Southside, Fred Fowler

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Southern Hills, David Cranford
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March 27

Wayne Crenshaw, Temple

Wayne Coleman, Terry

Jack Albritton, Utica

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Dewitt Mitchell, West Jackson

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Dorothy (Mrs. C. S.) Cadwallader looks over the records of the new El Salvadorian Baptist Bookstore.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Meeting Christ In The Needs Of Persons

By Bill Duncan
Matthew 25:31-46

The "Parable of the Last Judgment" is one of the most vivid parables of which Jesus ever spoke. The lesson is crystal clear. God will judge us in accordance with our reaction to human need. "God's judgment does not depend on the knowledge we have amassed, or the fame that we have acquired, or the fortune that we have gained, but on the help that we have given."

When the Lord comes again there will be a time and a place that divides this life from the next. There we will meet God and he will put his judgment upon us. Most people refuse to consider that there is going to be a judgment. Most persons will break the traffic laws if they do not see a policeman. If they are sure that they are going to be seen or be caught, most persons obey the law. If every person was sure, perfectly sure, that every time he broke the law he would be caught and tried for it in a court (which was stern) most of the law breaking would cease.

Every day experiences are very revealing. A man was visiting an art gallery. As he looked at the

work of the great masters, he said to the attendant, "I don't think the pictures are very good." The attendant replied, "Excuse me, the pictures are not on trial." The man was revealing his ability or his true self by his actions.

When one begins to have a faith relationship with God, it begins to show up in the way he lives. The standard by which all nations are to be judged in the parable is an examination that all could understand and would be followed by reward and punishment.

The way of life of a Christian is uncalculating. Those who helped others did not think they were helping Christ or piling up eternal merits. They helped people because they could not stop themselves from helping. Whereas on the other hand, it seems that some who failed to help would have helped if they had known that they would have been praised for it. That is not the right motive. The help which wins the approval of God is the help which is given for nothing but the sake of helping. The acts that Jesus approves are spontaneous acts, normal response to another human being in need.

The parable confronts us with the wonderful truth that all such help, which is given, is given to Him, and all such help which is withheld is withheld from Him. How do you delight a parent's heart? The best way is to do something that will help his child. In ministering to the needy, one ministers to Christ.

If one has to ask who is in need, he shows himself not to belong to the one whose heart is indiscriminate, who offers his gifts to good and bad alike. The ones who are punished are judged by the same standard as those who are blessed. The ones who are being punished have not committed gross sinful acts, but their guilt is in what they failed to do and be. They were unaware that they were passing up the Lord.

CAC Announces Activities Involving Family Life

The Christian Action Commission, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, is cooperating in a number of family life emphases during the spring months, with Mrs. Hensley assisting in some of the special efforts.

First Church, Pearl, was host

4,000 Accept Christ; New Bookstore Opens

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador—In January, revivals in Baptist churches and the opening of the Baptist Bookstore and Deposit have helped the work of the first



Southern Baptist missionaries to this country.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cadwallader, who came as missionaries in September 1975, reported almost 4,000 professions of faith during an evangelistic thrust in 34 local churches.

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Revival Dates

Central, Brookhaven: March 14-19; Rev. Matt Buckles of Roxie and Co-Lin JC, presiding; Tommy Sparkman of Hazlehurst and McComb, directing music; Roger Barnes of Hazlehurst and Co-Lin, pianist; Mike Grim, minister of music and youth; Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor.

Russell (Lauderdale): April 4-9; Rev. Kent McGeehee, pastor of Plainview Church of Bogalusa, La., evangelist; Toby Rowell, of State Boulevard Church, Meridian, singer; Rev. Charles Griffith, pastor; Jimmy Crane, church music director.

First, Madison: March 21-26; regular services Sunday; during week at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Randall Pess, pastor of First, Maben, evangelist; Rev. Wayne Ward, music director at Bowman Avenue, Vicksburg, in charge of music; Rev. Marvin D. Bibb, pastor.

Rock Hill near Brandon: March 19-21; youth revival; Roger Walker, student at Mississippi College, preaching; Tommy Sparkman, the church's music minister, leading singing; Mark Dearman, youth pastor.

Branch (Scott): March 19-21; Kenneth Jones, pastor of Ephesus (Scott), evangelist for Friday night; Carey Cox, Jackson, Mississippi Baptist Foundation, evangelist for Sunday; the Concord,